



A Message from the President

Greetings,

I've always loved attending conferences. It's always refreshing to step away from the day to day grind of work and immerse myself in different ideas and perspectives about our shared profession. The PNLA conference this August in Vancouver WA was no exception. With the theme "Pushing the Boundaries", this conference encouraged all of us to look at innovation, collaboration, and library services with fresh eyes. Keynote speaker Josh Hanagarne, the world's strongest librarian, gave a powerful reminder to every one of the difference we might be making each and every day in our libraries. PNLA includes members from all types of libraries, with members from public, academic, school and special libraries. By gathering together every year to share ideas and inspiration, we all return to our own work-places with renewed passion and enthusiasm and a commitment to try new things. It's a joy to belong to a profession that encourages the free exchange of ideas, not only with our patrons, but also with one another.

Another way PNLA helps us push the boundaries is by including members from Alaska, Alberta, British Columbia, Idaho, Montana, and Washington State. We were thrilled to have many attendees from Oregon as well. While we all come from different places, the one thing we all have in common is the distinct regional flavor of being part of the Pacific Northwest. With every issue, *PNLA Quarterly* highlights the best of the region's library professionals, and this issue is no exception. I hope you enjoy it, and consider contributing your talents to the next issue.

I hope to see you at our 2016 conference, August 3-5, in Calgary, Alberta.

Best,

Gwendolyn Haley

PNLA President